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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Junichi IKEDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1771

Application No.: 10/092,756

Examiner: V. Chang

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Docket No.: 112176

For: A PRINTING RELIEF AND AN ADHESIVE MATERIAL FOR MAKING THE SAME

SUPPLEMENT TO JUNE 24, 2004, AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Along with the June 24 Amendment, Applicants submitted a copy of WO 01/16244 and an Adhesive Sample of an adhesive material in which a urethane prepolymer has been cured to bring about adhesion. WO 01/16244 was submitted with the June 24 Amendment for its disclosure that a urethane oligomer resin is cured to bring about adhesion. See WO 01/16244, at page 2, lines 27-28; page 10, lines 19-21; Table 3; and examples 1-8. The Adhesive Sample was submitted with the June 24 Amendment as physical proof that a cured urethane prepolymer may be adhesive.

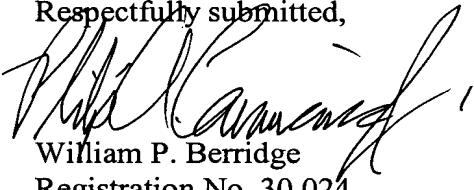
In the June 24 Amendment, the Adhesive Sample was incorrectly described as: "a working embodiment of Example 2 of WO 01/16244." See the June 24 Amendment at page 11, lines 22-23. The Adhesive Sample was again incorrectly described as an embodiment of Example 2 of WO 01/16244 at page 12, lines 12-15 and 22-24 of the June 24 Amendment. However, as discussed with Examiner Chang in his July 2 telephone conference with Mr. Caramanica, the Adhesive Sample is actually an embodiment of the cured urethane

prepolymer of the instant application (i.e., U.S. Patent Application No. 10/092,756), and not an embodiment of the product described in WO 01/16244. Specifically, the Adhesive Sample submitted with the June 24 Amendment is an embodiment of the claimed invention, and was prepared according to Example 2 of the instant specification. See pages 16-18 of the instant specification. Thus, WO 01/16244 and the Adhesive Sample are each independent evidence that a cured urethane prepolymer may be adhesive.

In view of the foregoing, and in view of the June 24, Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2 and 4-11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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